

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 160 - SB 161

January 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Decreases, from within the previous eight years to within the previous four years, the amount of time that applicants for server permits must not have been convicted of certain felonies or crimes relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances to be eligible applicants. Decreases, from within the previous five years to within the previous four years, the amount of time that applicants for server permits must not have had their server permit or any similar permit revoked to be eligible applicants. Removes sex related crimes, embezzlement, theft, dishonesty, deceit, and intoxication as offenses that make applicants ineligible for server permits. Adds the use or threat of violence to a human being as an offense that makes applicants ineligible for server permits, if committed within the previous four years.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Exceeds \$400/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/ABC Fund

Assumptions:

- The Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) reports that there are 144,269 active server permits in Tennessee, with 83,787 issued since the beginning of 2020.
- According to ABC, from October 2019 to November 2022, 177 applicants for a permit were denied due to criminal convictions.
- Considering the changes made for applicant eligibility for server permits in the proposed legislation, it can be reasonably assumed that at least additional 20 applicants annually will be eligible for server permits that would not be eligible otherwise.
- The cost for a 5-year server permit is \$20; therefore, the recurring increase in state revenue to the ABC as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to exceed \$400 (\$20 x 20 applicants) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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